

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 5 line 28 as follows:

The fixation helix 120 is supported by the piston 160 along a first portion 128 of the fixation helix 120. The support of the piston 160 provides mechanical support to the first portion 128 and assists in preventing the first portion 128 of the fixation helix 120 from becoming bent, stretched, or compressed during the longitudinal advancement of the fixation helix 120. In one option, the first portion 128 is at extends to an intermediate portion of the fixation helix 120, ~~and is not at the distal tip of the fixation helix 120 or for~~ manipulation of the lead. ~~For example if a physician pulls on the lead after the fixation helix engages tissue.~~ The first portion 128 of the fixation helix 120 forms a drive mechanism for the fixation helix 120, and allows for the fixation helix 120 to advance out of and retract in to the housing 180. In one option, the fixation helix 120 is electrically coupled with the piston 160 and the conductor, and the fixation helix 120 is electrically active.